



**Senate Bill No. 880**

**Special Act No. 09-14**

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRADE WITH AFRICA.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall conduct a three-year study of programs initiated, conducted and coordinated by the Department of Economic and Community Development that promote and assist Connecticut businesses with international trade with African countries with whom the United States has diplomatic relations. In each of the three years of such study, the commissioner shall focus on four different countries in Africa.

(b) On or before July 1, 2010, July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012, the commissioner shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce on the results of each phase of such three-year study undertaken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Each report shall include statistics on the progress of the department and a description of the implementation of such programs.

Approved July 8, 2009